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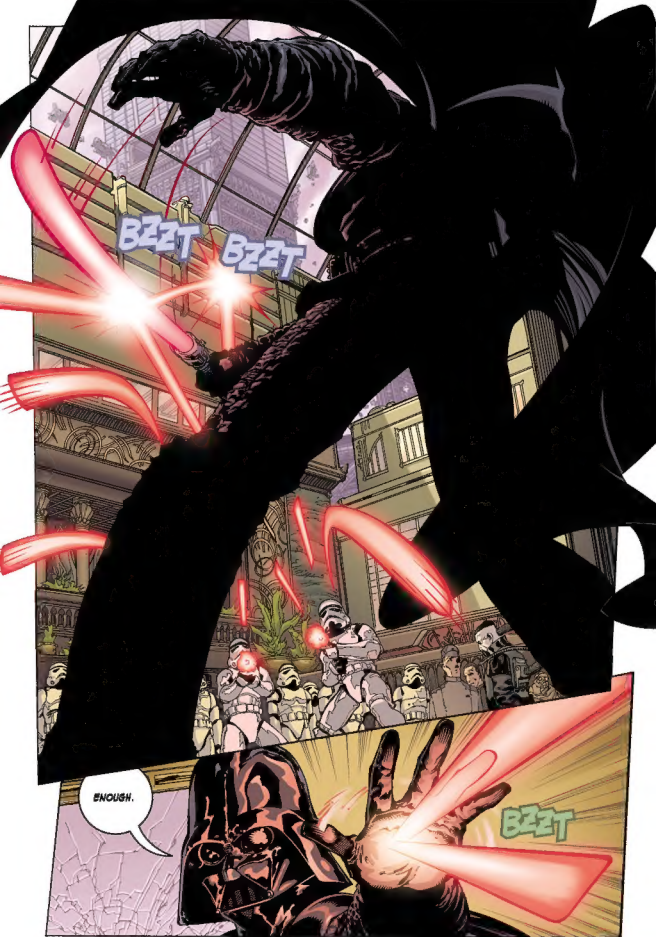
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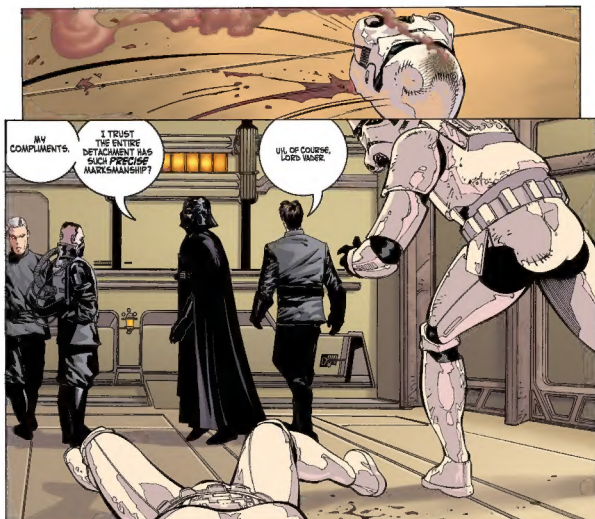
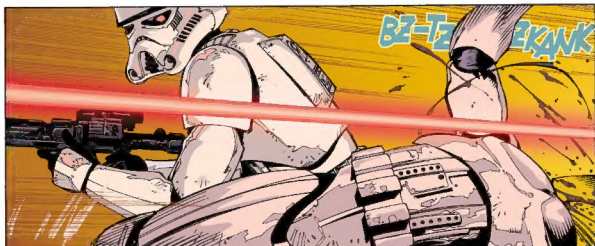
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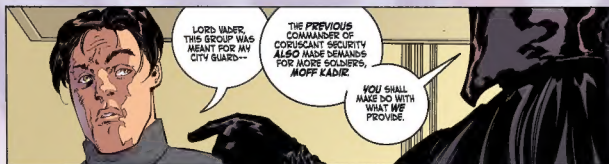
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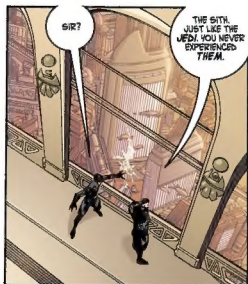
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I'LL REQUIRE A
DETACHMENT TO JOIN
ME WHEN I MEET
GRAND MOFF TARKIN.
ASSIGN A CREW
SUITABLE TO A
MISSION OF GREAT
IMPORTANCE.

YOU'RE
LEAVING
CORUSCANT?

WE MARK A **TURNING
POINT** IN OUR GLORY,
MY OLD FRIEND. SOON
THE SENATE SHALL BE
NO MORE. THERE SHALL
REMAIN NO OBSTACLE
TO MY WORD.

TARKIN IS
OVERSEEING THE
CONSTRUCTION OF
SUCH A WEAPON AS
THE GALAXY HAS
NEVER *SEEN*--
NEVER *IMAGINED*.

I'D HAVE APPLIED
YOUR **CONSIDERABLE**
SKILLS TO THE TASK,
WERE YOU NOT SO
NECESSARY TO MY
OPERATIONS HERE.

BUT NOW
I **TOO** AM
REQUIRED ON
THIS DEATH
STAR...



WILL YOU TAKE
LORD VADER,
EXCELLENCY?

ATTEND TO
WHAT CONCERNS
YOU, TRACHTA...





ARE YOU COLD, ANAKIN?

YES, MASTER QUI-GON.

SIR? I REALLY HAVE TO THANK YOU ...

NONSENSE, ANNIE. IT WAS OUR FATE TO MEET.

YOUR OWN INSTINCTS SHALL NEVER FAIL YOU.

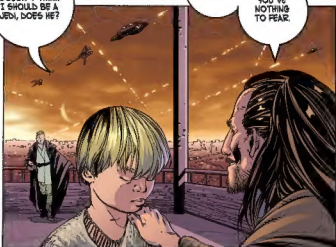
NOW GO INSIDE.

YOU'VE NOTHING TO FEAR.



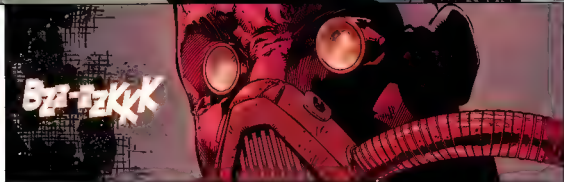
WE'RE ALL SIMPLY INSTRUMENTS--OUR ONLY DUTY IS TO PLAY OUR PARTS AS DETERMINED BY THE LIVING FORCE. I WAS MEANT TO BRING YOU HERE TO THE COUNCIL, AND YOU WERE MEANT TO FACE THIS TEST.

OBI-WAN DOESN'T THINK I SHOULD BE A JEDI, DOES HE?











A SMALL PARTY
OF STORMTROOPERS
WAS SENT TO THE PLANET
DARGULLI, IN THE KETHER
SYSTEM. THEY WERE
MURDERED TRYING TO
COLLECT A FEE NOT BY
THE DEBTOR, AND YOU,
BUT BY SOME
VIGILANTE...

... WELDING, AS
IT HAPPENS, A
LIGHTSABER.

DEAL WITH
THIS FOR ME,
MY FRIEND.

MY MASTER ...
I STILL HAVE SO
MUCH TO LEARN
AT YOUR SIDE.

ONLY NOW
DO I FEEL I'M
TRULY BEGINNING
TO UNDERSTAND THE
**POWER OF THE
DARK SIDE.**

SURELY
THIS CAN BE
DEALT WITH BY
SAUER, OR--





LORD VADER,
YOU FORGET YOUR-
SELF. YOU'RE NOT
SOME YOUNG BEAST
NIPPING AT HIS
MASTER'S HEEL!

YOU'RE A
DARK LORD
OF THE SITH.

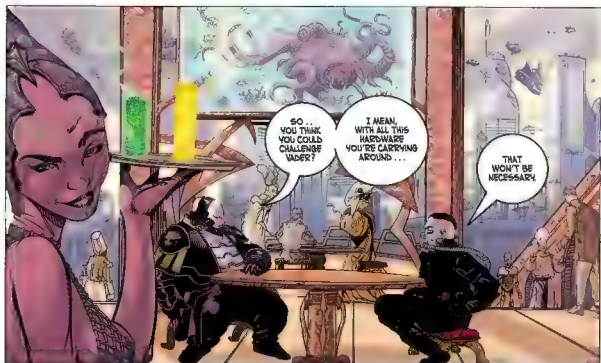


THE DESTINY OF
THE SITH AND THE
JEDI ARE INTIMATELY
TIED UP IN YOUR
PERSON, AND THIS
CONCERNS BOTH
FAITHS EQUALLY.

THIS MIGHT BE
THE BITTER
OFFSPRING OF
SOME FALLEN
JEDI...



... PERHAPS
THE HEIR OF
SKYWALKER



SO...
YOU THINK
YOU COULD
CHALLENGE
VADER?

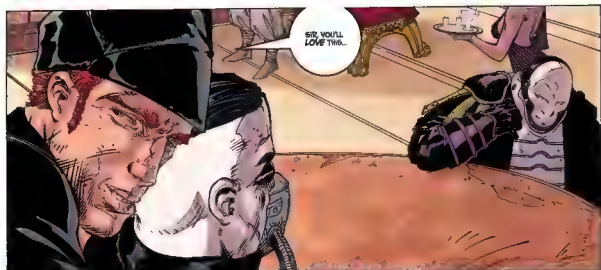
I MEAN,
WITH ALL THIS
HARDWARE
YOU'RE CARRYING
AROUND...

THAT
WON'T BE
NECESSARY.

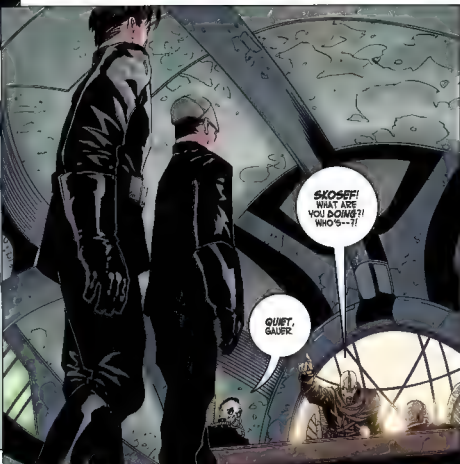


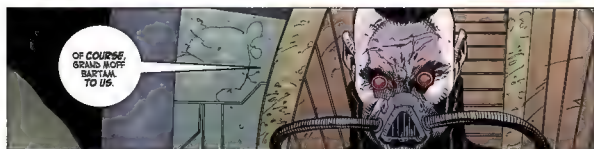
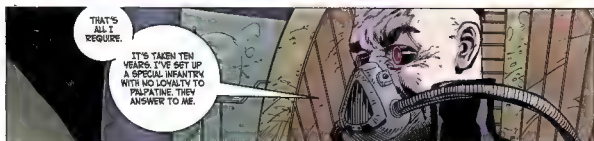
A MILITARY
COURSE WILL
SUFFICE, GRAND
MOFF BARTAM.

THE IMPERATIVE'S
ON US. THE UNIVERSE
CAN'T BE RULED BY
A THEOCRACY OF
TWO. WE SHALL
FREE OURSELVES
FROM--



SIR, YOU'LL
LOVE THIS...







I WAS
INSIDE LAST
NIGHT, GAUER
THAT'S NOT
THE TRICK.

THE TRICK'S
THE ROYAL
GUARD.

AND
PALPATINE. HE
CAN'T BE LED
INTO A TRAP.



WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN VADER
RETURNS?

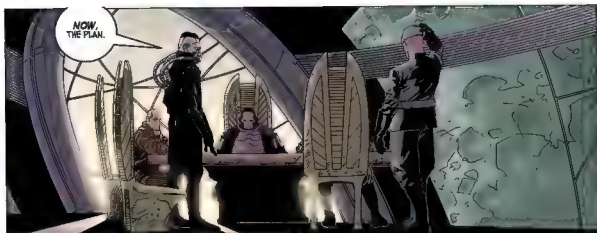


WE MAKE
SURE HE NEVER
DOES.

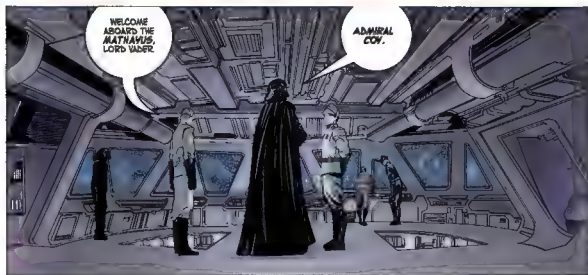


CORRECT.

THE LEADERSHIP
IS PRESENT. THE
SOLDIER'S WAIT
IN MY COMPLEX.

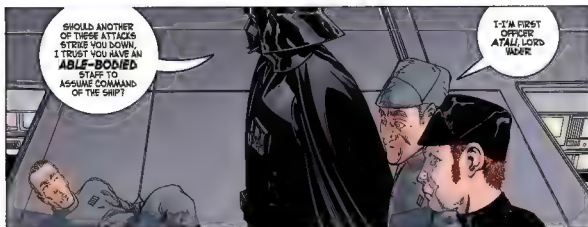
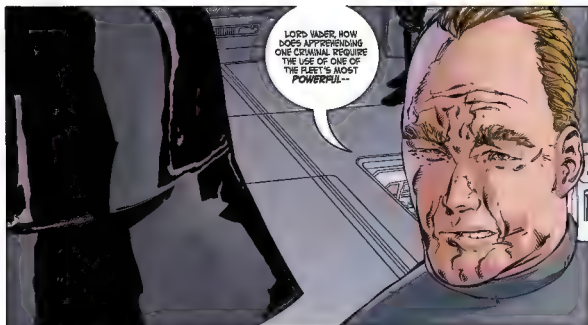


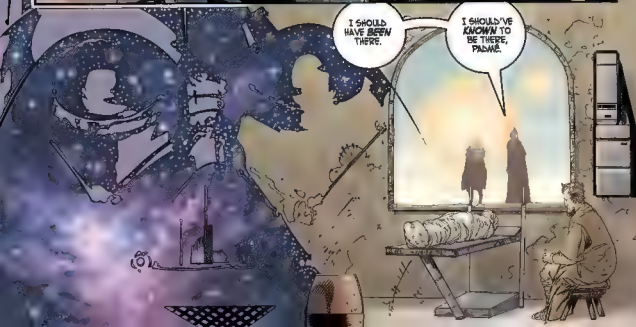
NOW,
THE PLAN.



WELCOME
ABOARD THE
MATHAMUS,
LORD VADER.

ADMIRAL
COV.







I'VE GOT THIS
GREAT DESTINY
AHEAD OF ME, BUT THE
ONLY FAMILY I'VE EVER
KNOWN JUST DIED
IN MY ARMS.

This panel shows a man with short, wavy brown hair (Annie) and a woman with dark hair pulled back (Padmé) standing in a vast, arid desert. In the background, there are several small, dome-shaped structures and a few distant spires. Annie is wearing a dark, draped garment over a light-colored shirt, while Padmé is wearing a light-colored, patterned shawl. They are both looking towards the right.

I
FAILED
HER...



YOU DIDN'T
FAIL HER, ANNIE.
THERE WAS
NOTHING YOU
COULD DO!

This panel shows the two characters in profile, facing right. Annie is in the foreground, and Padmé is slightly behind him. The desert landscape is visible in the background.

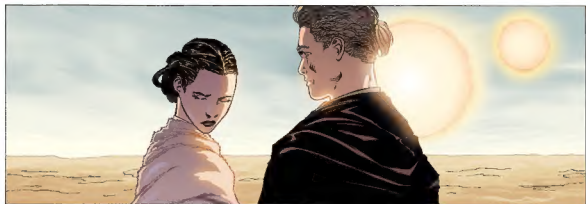
DIDN'T SHE
SAY SHE WAS
COMPLETE?

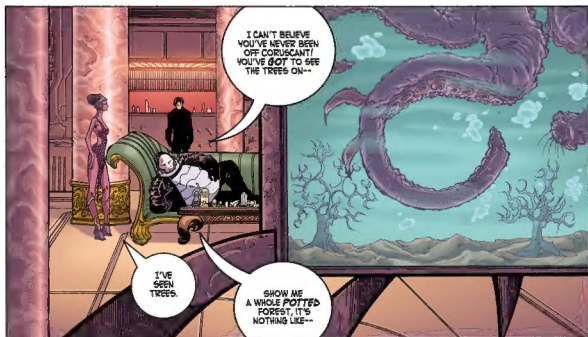


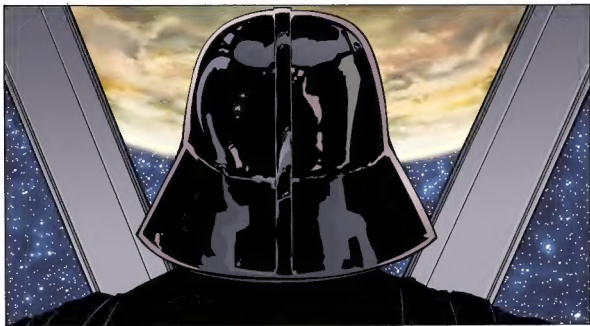
THAT SEEING
YOU--SO GROWN
UP, SO HANDSOME--
MADE HER COMPLETE?
YOU'RE EVERYTHING
A PARENT COULD
WANT.

This panel shows the two characters facing each other. Annie is on the right, looking at Padmé, who is on the left. The background is the same desert landscape.

I'LL NEVER
FAIL YOU,
PADMÉ.







OF COURSE.
LORD VADER
WILL WANT
TO KNOW
IMMEDIATELY.



LORD VADER.
WE'VE INTERCEPTED A
COMMUNICATION ABOUT
A REBEL RENDEZVOUS
NOT FAR OFF OUR
PRESENT COURSE,
AT YORN SKOT.

WE COULD
EASILY GET
THERE BEFORE
THE SECOND REBEL
SHIP IS SCHEDULED
TO ARRIVE.



WELL, LORD
VADER NORMALLY
I'D HAVE TO
INVESTIGATE, BUT
YOUR MISSION
COMES FIRST.

